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CHAPTER 47

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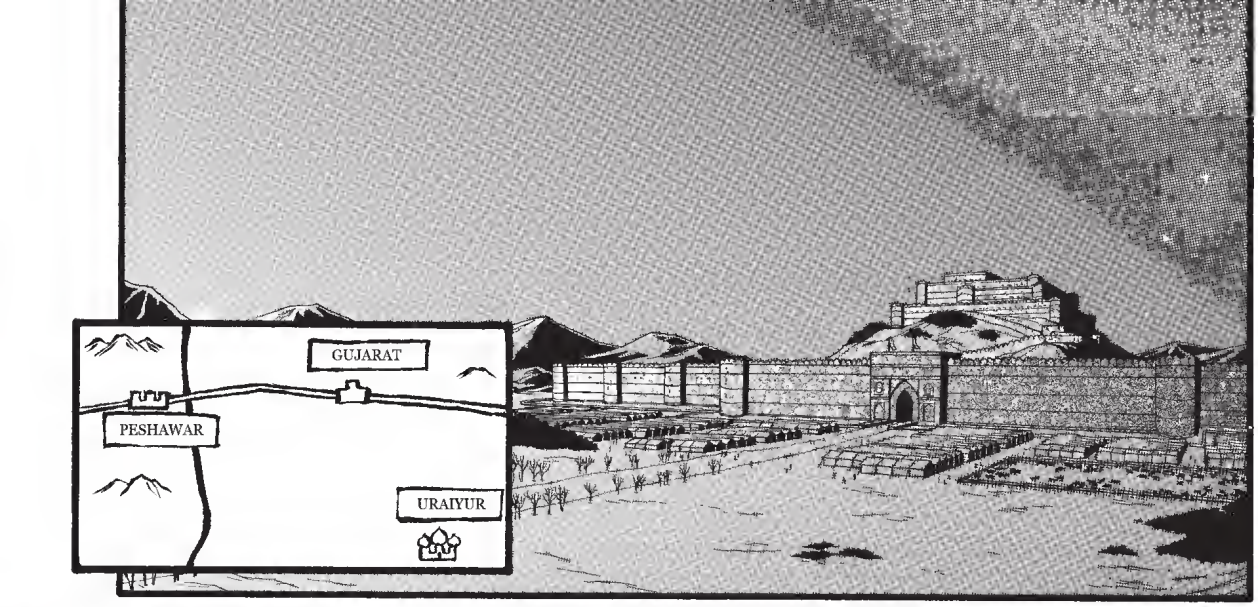
HIROMU ARAKAWA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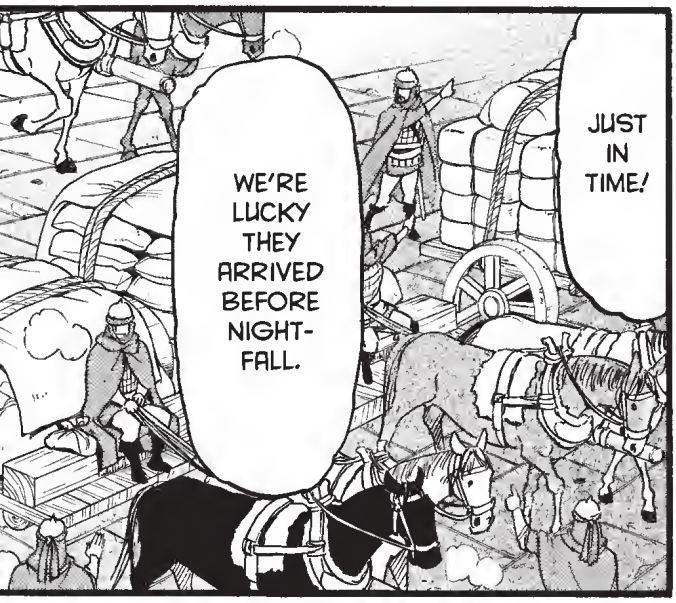
JUST IN TIME!
WE'RE LUCKY THEY ARRIVED BEFORE NIGHT-FALL.

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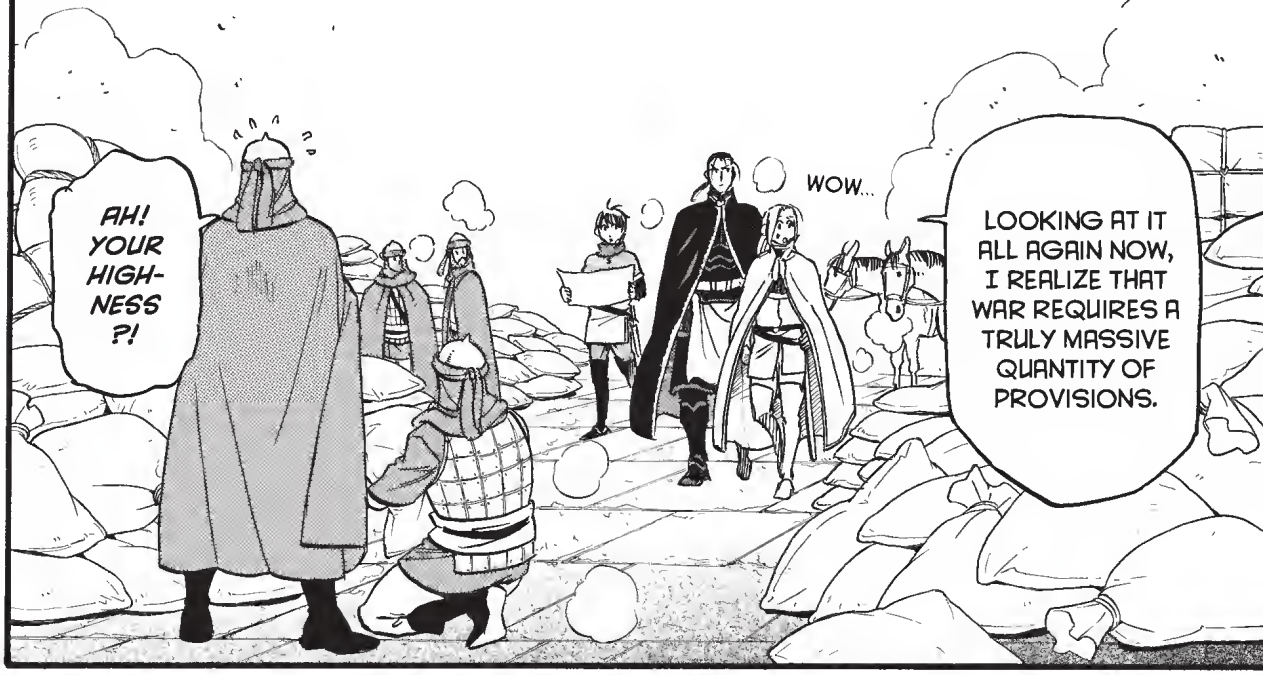
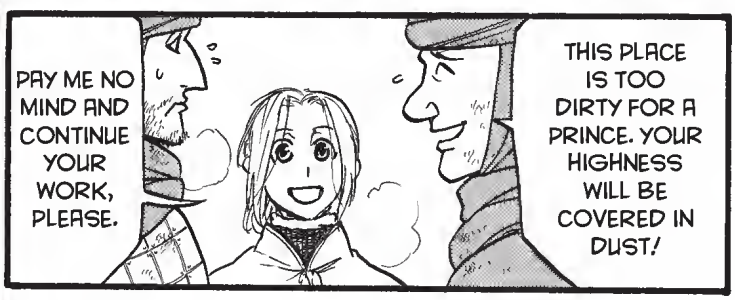
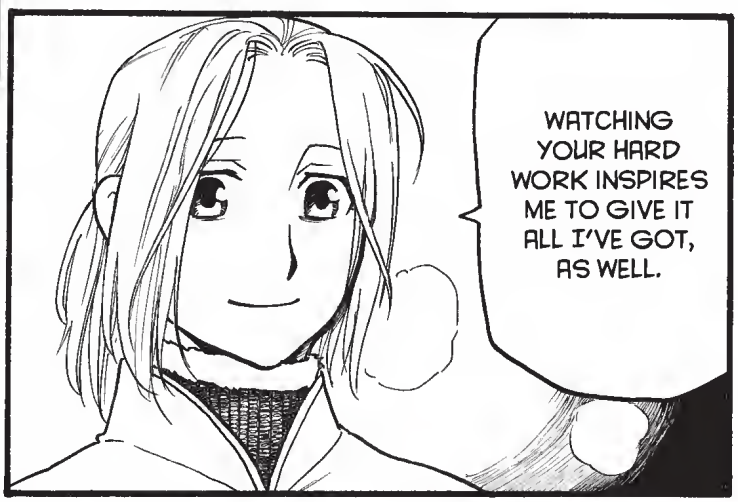
THE SUPPLIES FROM PESHAWAR ARE HERE!

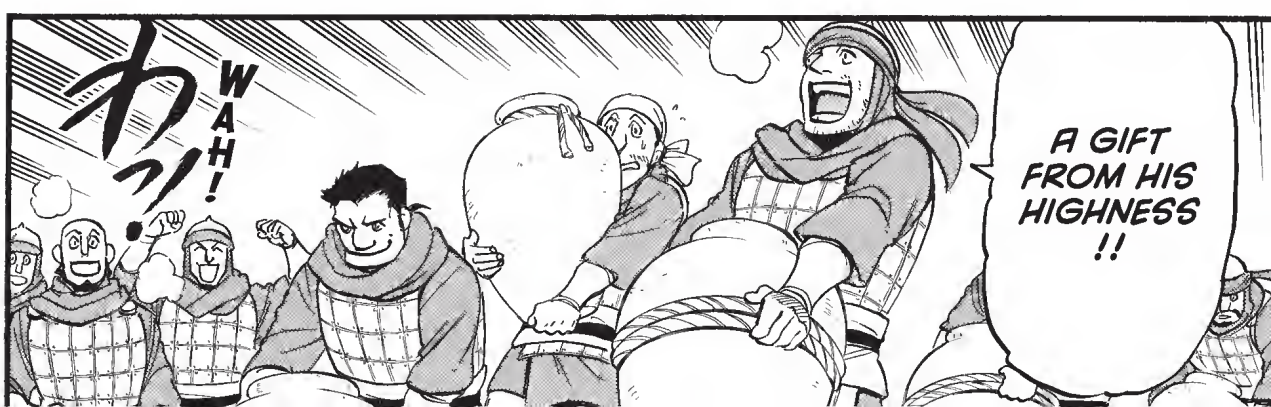
HURRY !!


AH! YOUR HIGH-NESS?!
WOW...
LOOKING AT IT ALL AGAIN NOW, I REALIZE THAT WAR REQUIRES A TRULY MASSIVE QUANTITY OF PROVISIONS.

YOU MUST BE CHILLED FROM MARCHING SO FAR IN THE COLD.
ELAM, CAN YOU PREPARE THEM A WARM MEAL AND WINE?
I WILL GO ARRANGE IT.


PAY ME NO MIND AND CONTINUE YOUR WORK, PLEASE.
THIS PLACE IS TOO DIRTY FOR A PRINCE. YOUR HIGHNESS WILL BE COVERED IN DUST!


WATCHING YOUR HARD WORK INSPIRES ME TO GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT, AS WELL.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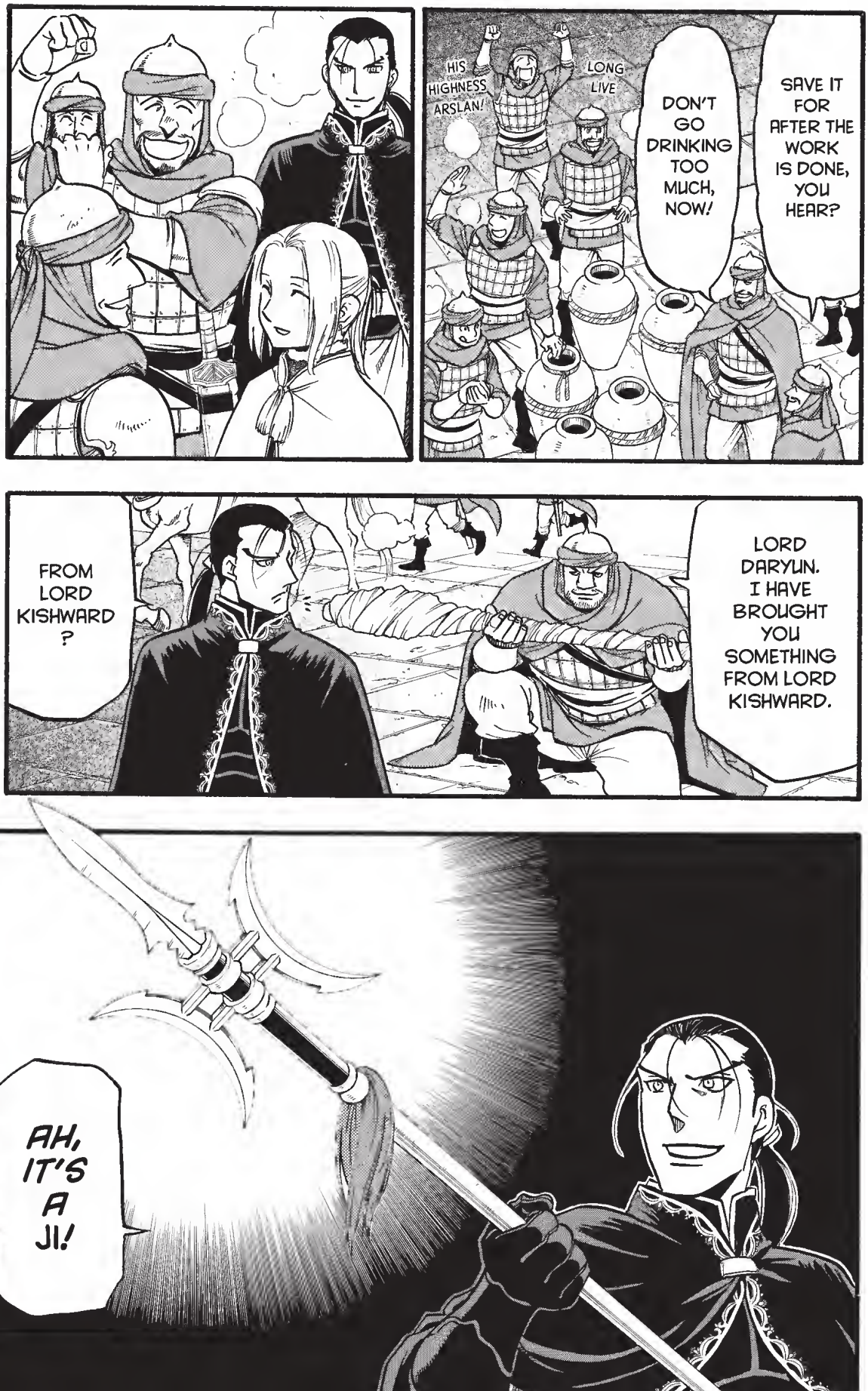
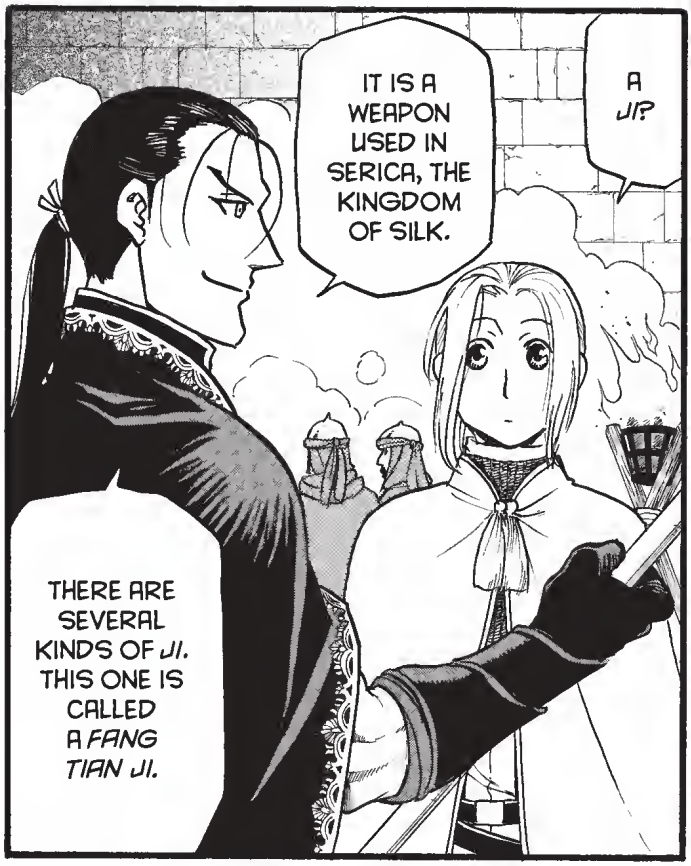
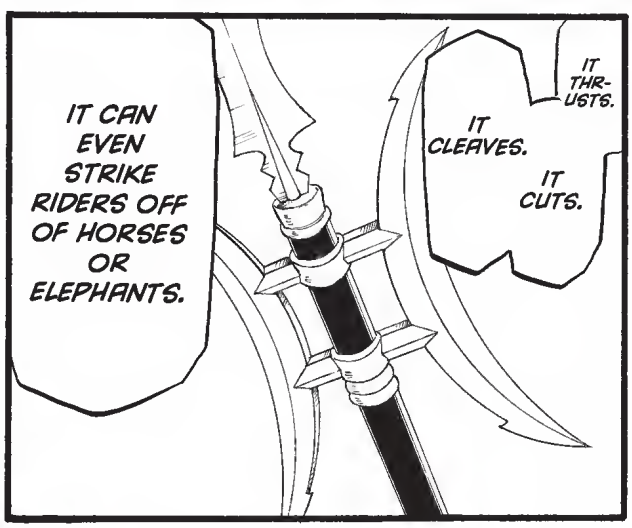
WAH!
A GIFT FROM HIS HIGHNESS!!

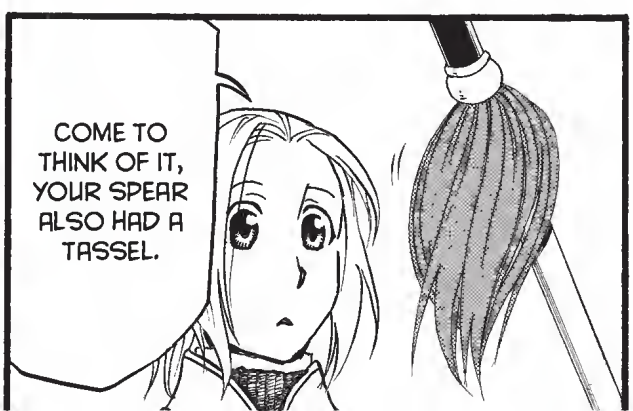

HIS HIGHNESS ARSLAN!
LONG LIVE
DON'T GO DRINKING TOO MUCH, NOW!
SAVE IT FOR AFTER THE WORK IS DONE, YOU HEAR?
LORD DARYUN. I HAVE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING FROM LORD KISHWARD.
FROM LORD KISHWARD ?
AH, IT'S A JI!

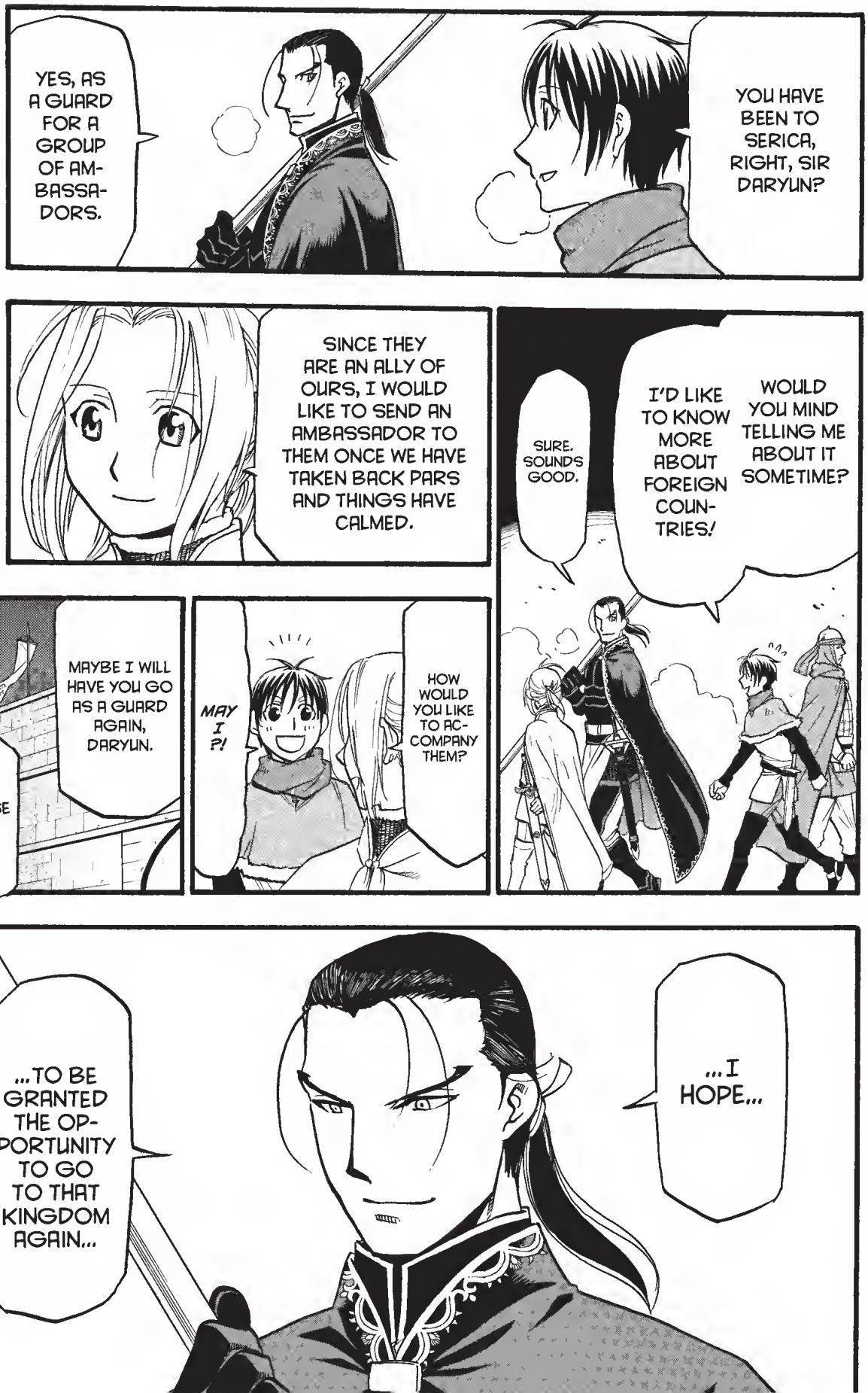

A JI?
IT IS A WEAPON USED IN SERICA, THE KINGDOM OF SILK.
THERE ARE SEVERAL KINDS OF JI. THIS ONE IS CALLED A FANG TIAN JI.

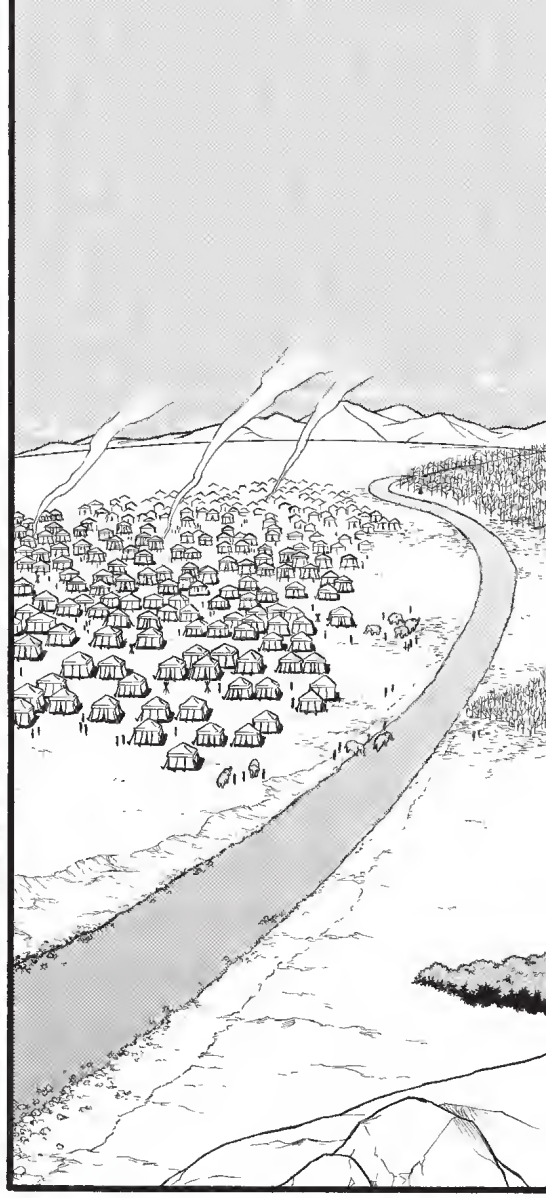
"LORD DARYUN WILL KNOW HOW TO MAKE FULL USE OF THIS," HE SAID.
IT'S SO TALL!

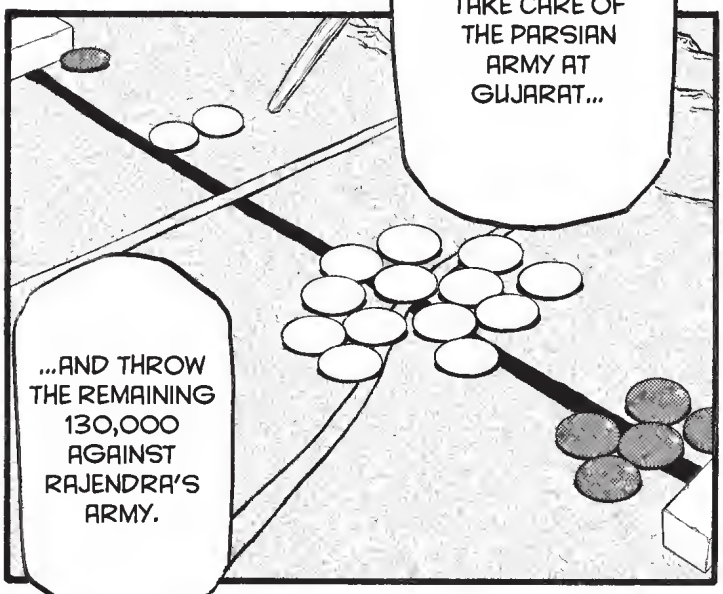
THEY ARE OFTEN AFFIXED TO SERICAN WEAP-ONS.
IT LOOKS SLICK. SO I COPIED IT!
I SEE ...

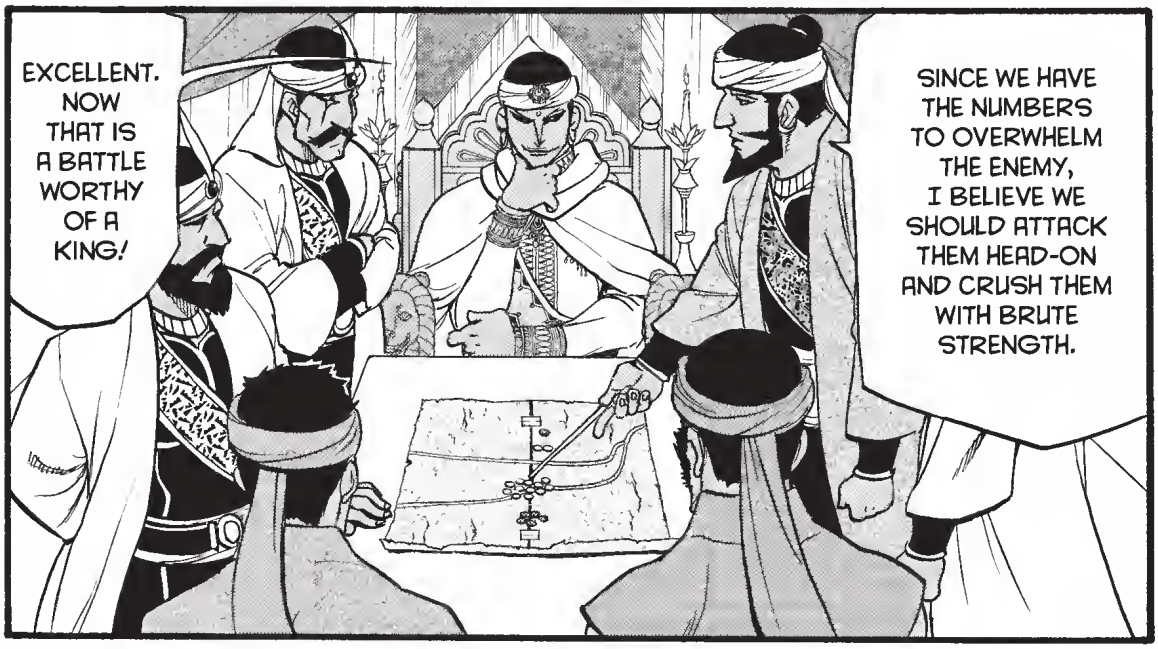

IT CAN EVEN STRIKE RIDERS OFF OF HORSES OR ELEPHANTS.
IT THR-USTS.
IT CLEAVES.
IT CUTS.


COME TO THINK OF IT, YOUR SPEAR ALSO HAD A TASSEL.

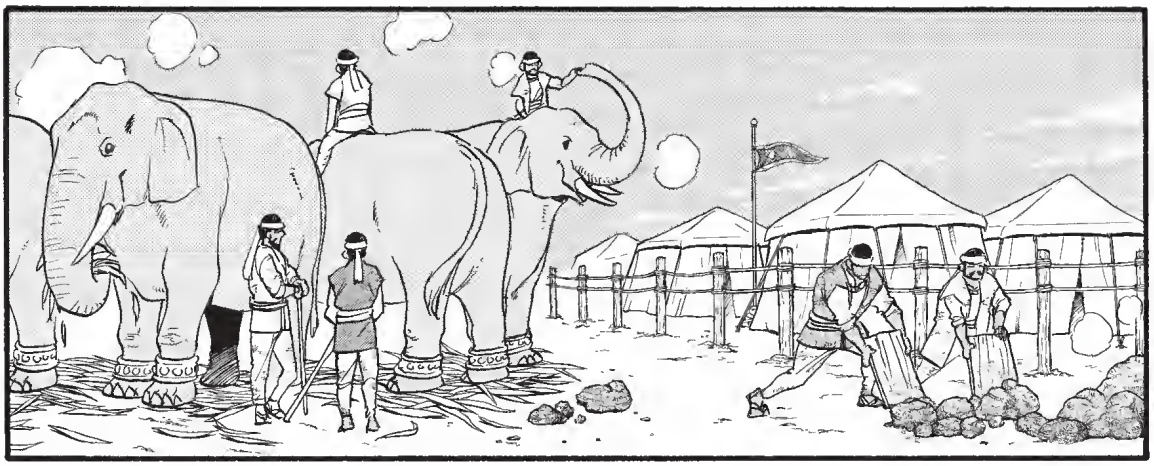

YOU HAVE BEEN TO SERICA, RIGHT, SIR DARYUN?
YES, AS A GUARD FOR A GROUP OF AMBASSADORS.
WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME ABOUT IT SOMETIME?
I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FOREIGN COUNTRIES!
SURE. SOUNDS GOOD.
SINCE THEY ARE AN ALLY OF OURS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO THEM ONCE WE HAVE TAKEN BACK PARS AND THINGS HAVE CALMED.
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPANY THEM?
MAY I?!
MAYBE I WILL HAVE YOU GO AS A GUARD AGAIN, DARYUN.
PLEASE DO!
...I HOPE...
...TO BE GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO THAT KINGDOM AGAIN...

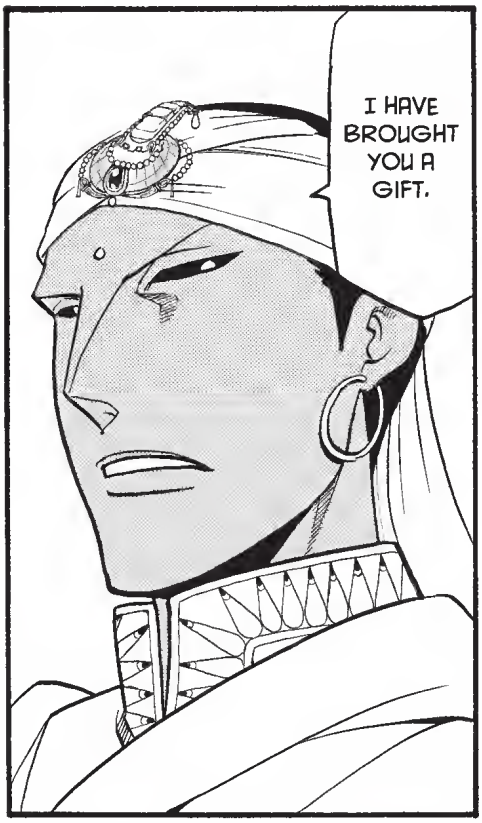



OF OUR 150,000 MEN, LET US SEND 20,000 TO TAKE CARE OF THE PARSIAN ARMY AT GUJARAT...
...AND THROW THE REMAINING 130,000 AGAINST RAJENDRA'S ARMY.


EXCELLENT. NOW THAT IS A BATTLE WORTHY OF A KING!
SINCE WE HAVE THE NUMBERS TO OVERWHELM THE ENEMY, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ATTACK THEM HEAD-ON AND CRUSH THEM WITH BRUTE STRENGTH.

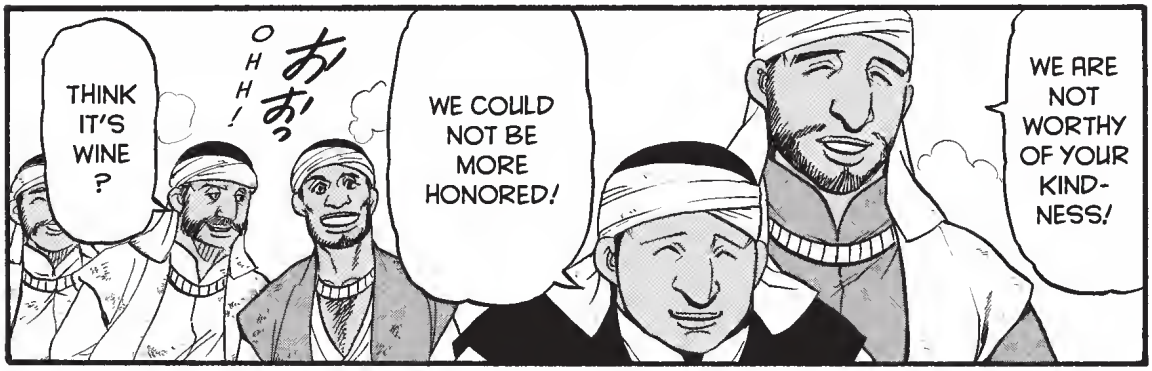
THEN WHIP THEM INTO OBEDI-ENCE!
WE SHOULD AIM TO FIGHT ON A WARM DAY IF POSSIBLE.
BUT WILL WE BE ABLE TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE WAR ELEPHANTS ...?
THEY HAVE BEEN SLOW TO MOVE IN THIS RECENT BOUT OF COLD WEATHER.
ALSO, IF WE REMAIN HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, THE AREA WILL BECOME BARE.
WHEN THE ELEPHANTS ARE HUNGRY, THEY BECOME EVEN MORE DISAGREEABLE.
WE NEED TO BEGIN THE BATTLE SOON. THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO FEED THEM IS NOTHING TO BE SNEEZED AT.
...EASIER SAID THAN DONE. WE HAVE FIVE HUNDRED ELEPHANTS WITH US...




I HAVE BROUGHT YOU A GIFT.

HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE GADHEVI!
HARD AT WORK, I SEE.

THIS COMING BATTLE WITH RAJENDRA WILL BE A DECISIVE ONE.
FOR YOUR HIGHNESS TO PAY US A VISIT IN THIS DIRTY PLACE...


THINK IT'S WINE?
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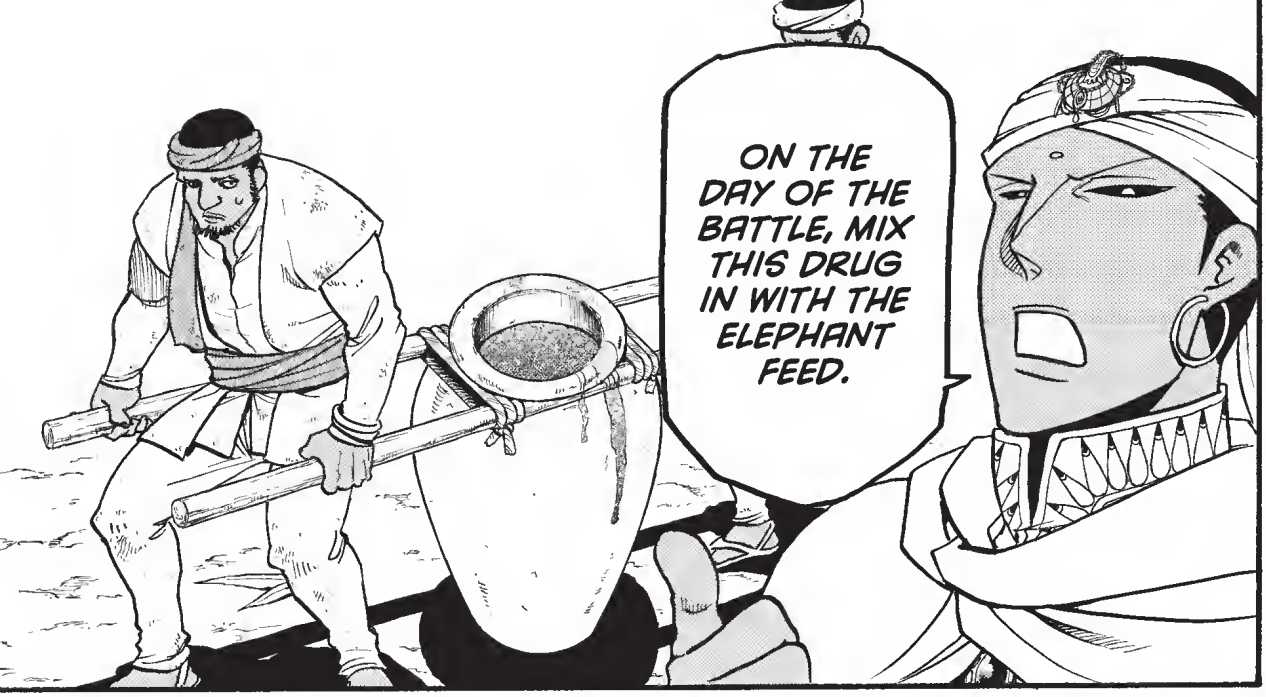
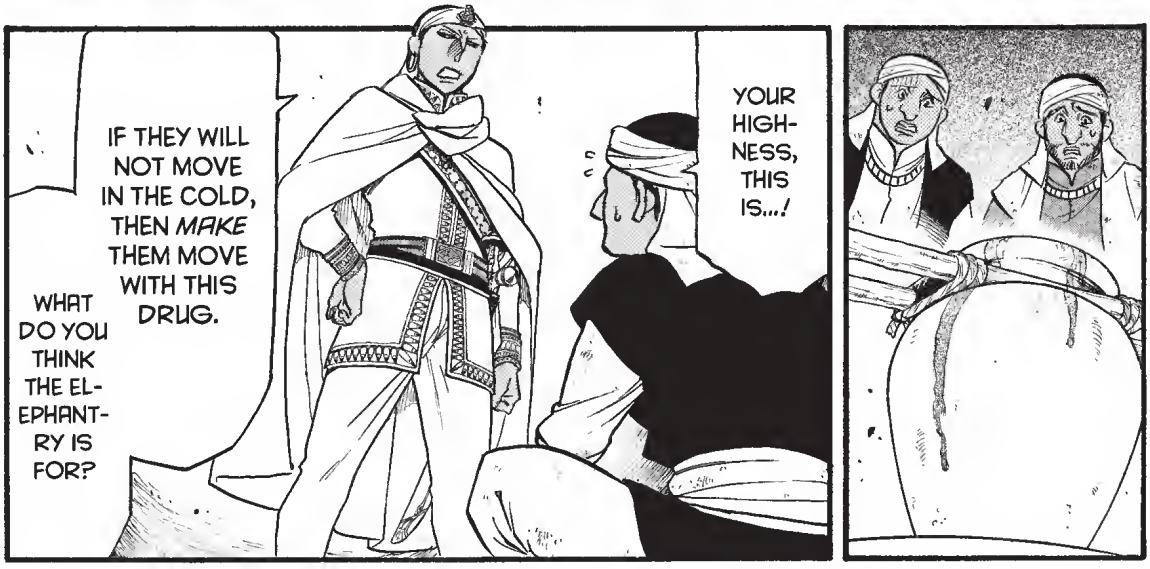
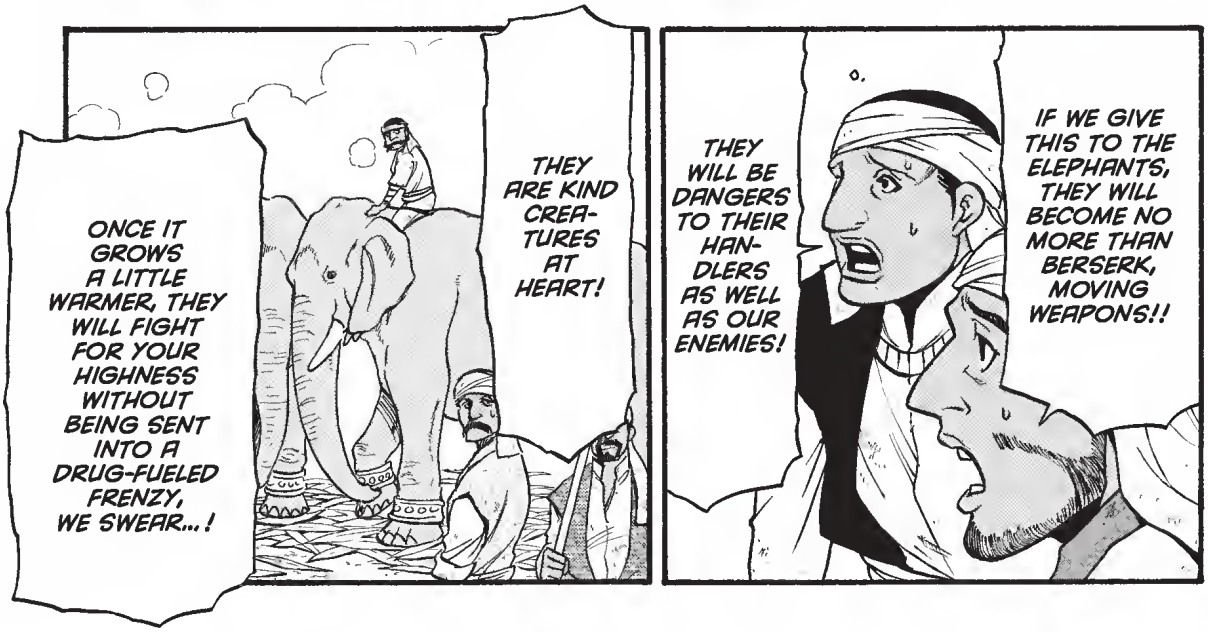
WE COULD NOT BE MORE HONORED!
WE ARE NOT WORTHY OF YOUR KINDNESS!


ON THE DAY OF THE BATTLE, MIX THIS DRUG IN WITH THE ELEPHANT FEED.

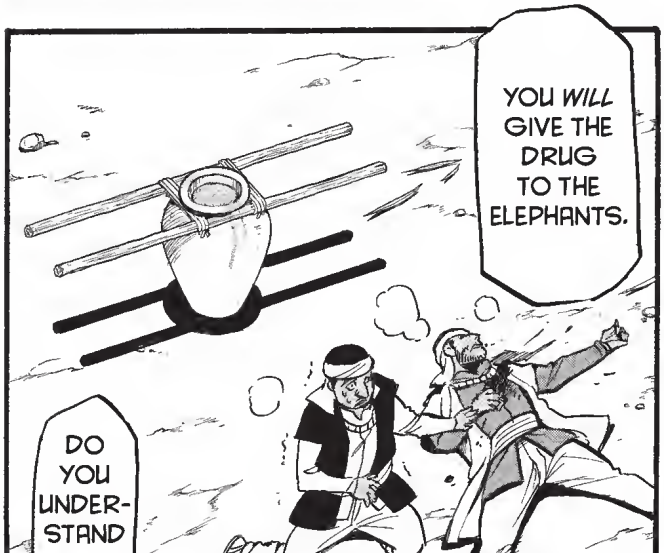

YOUR HIGH-NESS, THIS IS...!
IF THEY WILL NOT MOVE IN THE COLD, THEN *MAKE* THEM MOVE WITH THIS DRUG.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE EL-EPHANT-RY IS FOR?


IF WE GIVE THIS TO THE ELEPHANTS, THEY WILL BECOME NO MORE THAN BERSERK, MOVING WEAPONS!!
THEY WILL BE DANGERS TO THEIR HAN-DLERS AS WELL AS OUR ENEMIES!
THEY ARE KIND CREA-TURES AT HEART!
ONCE IT GROWS A LITTLE WARMER, THEY WILL FIGHT FOR YOUR HIGHNESS WITHOUT BEING SENT INTO A DRUG-FUELED FRENZY, WE SWEAR...!

SLICE

WE WILL CRUSH RAJENDRA UNDERFOOT AT ONCE.

I HAVE NO USE FOR WAR ELEPHANTS THAT CANNOT BE USED IN THE COLD.


YOU *WILL* GIVE THE DRUG TO THE ELEPHANTS.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND ME?

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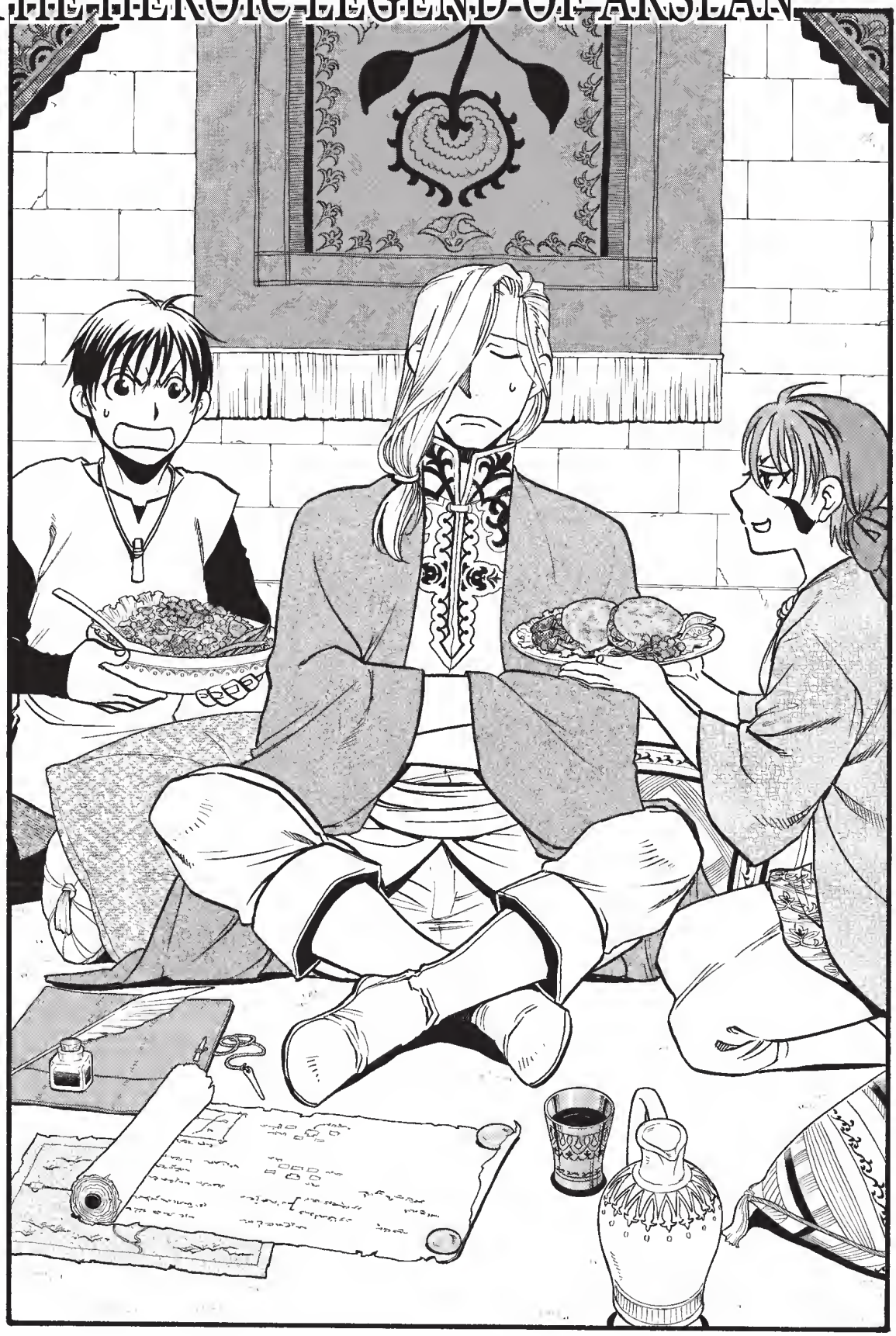

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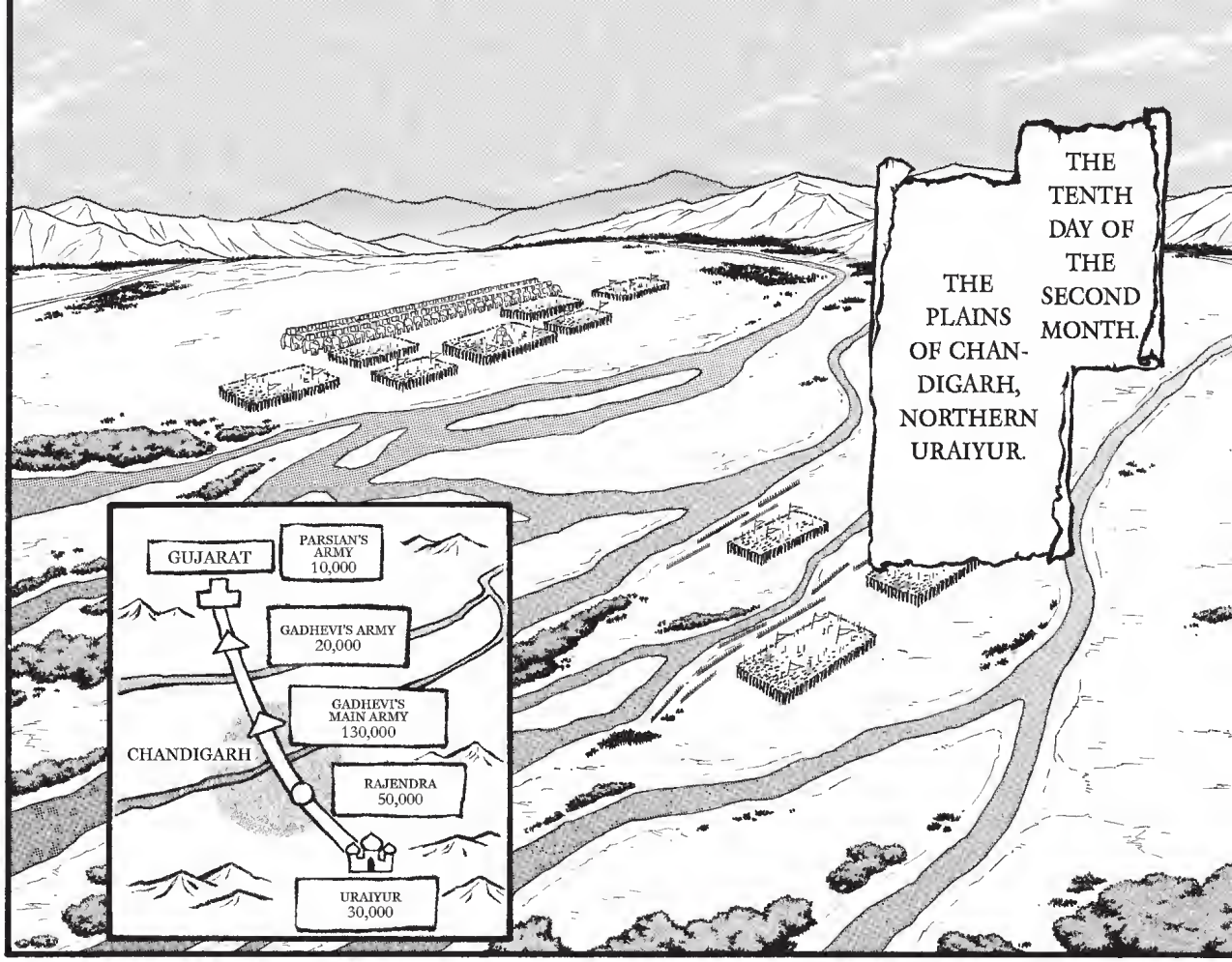
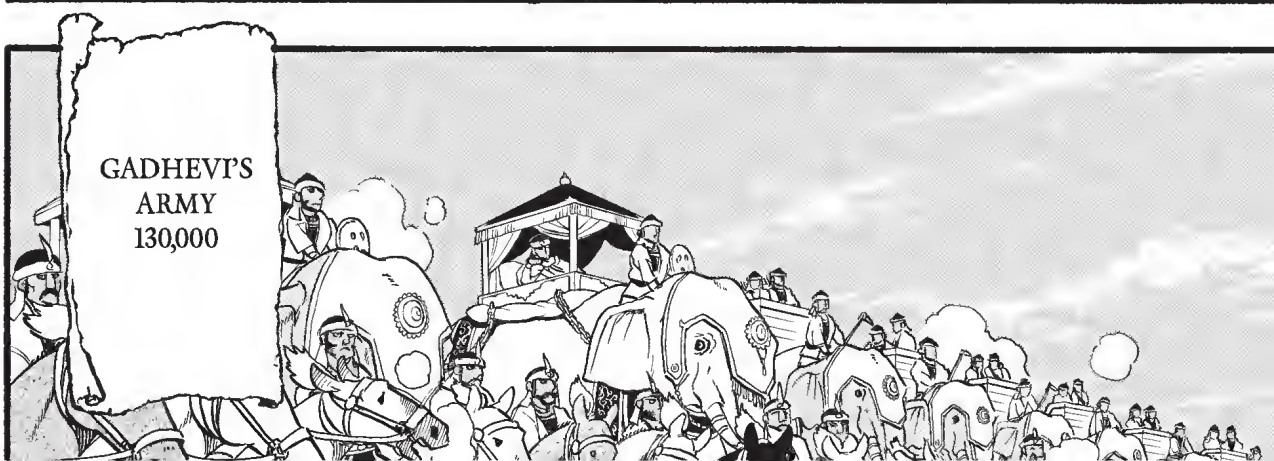
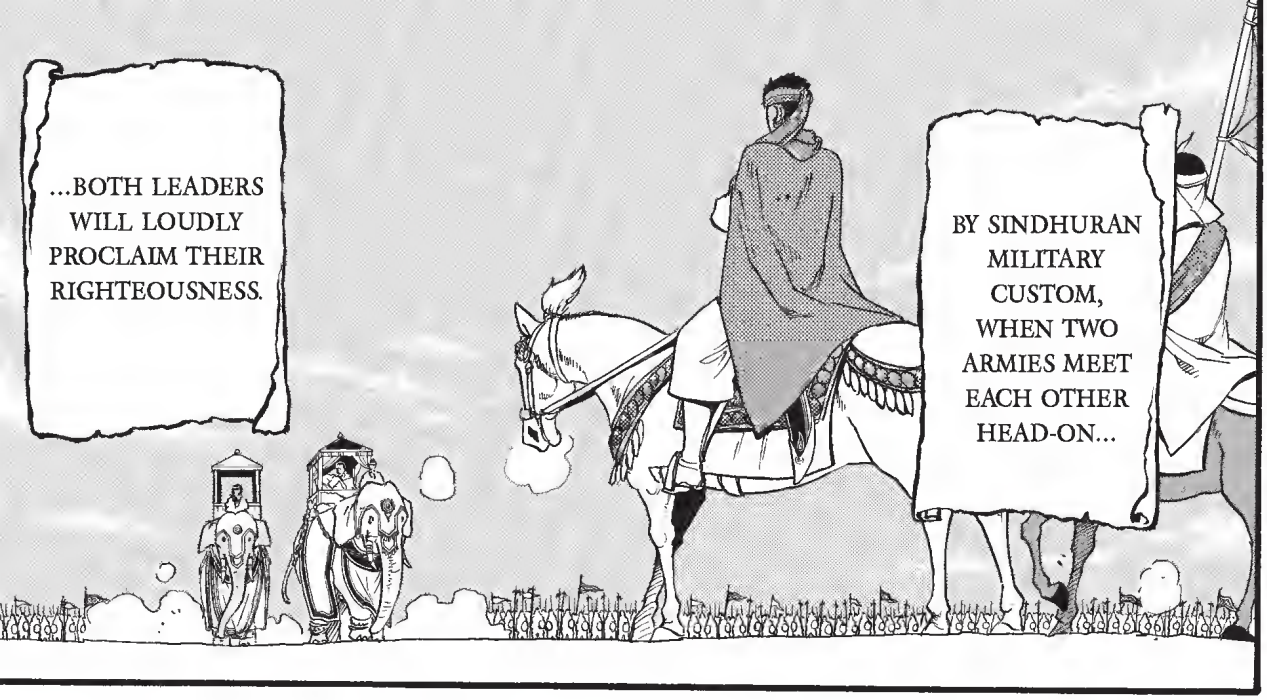
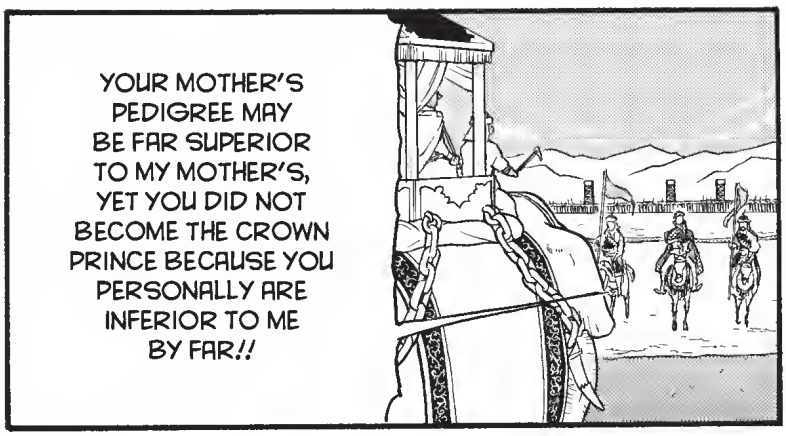

THE TENTH DAY OF THE SECOND MONTH.
THE PLAINS OF CHANDIGARH, NORTHERN URAIYUR.
GUJARAT
PARSIAN'S ARMY 10,000
GADHEVI'S ARMY 20,000
GADHEVI'S MAIN ARMY 130,000
CHANDIGARH
RAJENDRA 50,000
URAIYUR 30,000

RAJENDRA'S ARMY 50,000


GADHEVI'S ARMY 130,000


...BOTH LEADERS WILL LOUDLY PROCLAIM THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
BY SINDHURAN MILITARY CUSTOM, WHEN TWO ARMIES MEET EACH OTHER HEAD-ON...

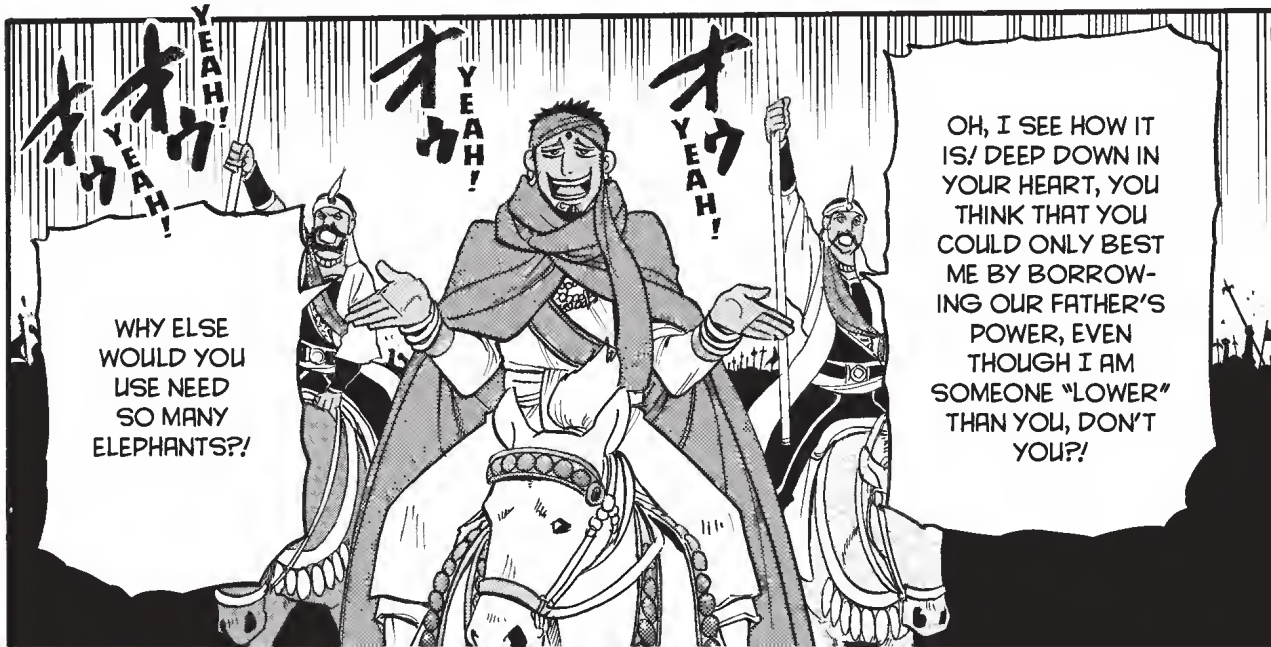
THE FIGHTING BEGINS WITH A BATTLE OF WORDS.
RAJENDRA!! YOU ARE BUT A LOWLY DOG BORN FROM THE BELLY OF A SLAVE WOMAN. HOW DARE YOU FORGET YOUR PLACE AND ASPIRE TO THE HIGHEST THRONE?!
IF I AM A DOG, THEN YOU, WHO CANNOT EVEN DEFEAT THIS DOG, ARE AN EVEN LOWER CREATURE, GADHEVI!!
DOES THE DOG WHO DOES NOT EVEN UNDERSTAND WHO THIS KINGDOM'S MASTER IS BECOME THIS AUDACIOUSLY ARROGANT?!
AND YET YOU WAG YOUR TAIL FOR PARS!!
YOU ARE A DAMN DISGRACE TO SINDHURA !!


YOUR MOTHER'S PEDIGREE MAY BE FAR SUPERIOR TO MY MOTHER'S, YET YOU DID NOT BECOME THE CROWN PRINCE BECAUSE YOU PERSONALLY ARE INFERIOR TO ME BY FAR!!

THE KING-DOM'S MASTER IS OUR FATHER, KING KARIKALA II!!
WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT OUR FATHER NEVER FORMALLY NAMED YOU THE CROWN PRINCE?!

SILENCE!! IF YOU GET DOWN FROM THAT ILL-MATCHED WHITE HORSE AND GROVEL, THEN I WILL SPARE YOU YOUR LIFE!!

ONLY THIS KINGDOM'S MASTER IS PERMITTED TO RIDE THE LORD OF ELEPHANTS!!!
THAT IS OUR FATHER'S ELEPHANT !!!
YOU GET DOWN FROM THAT WHITE ELEPHANT FIRST, GADHEVI!!!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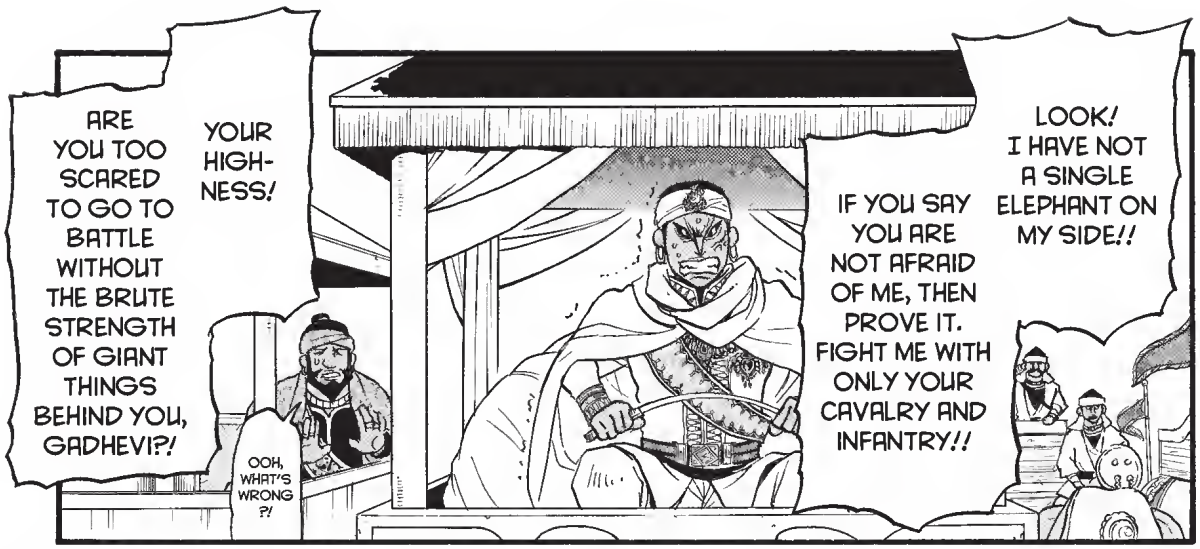
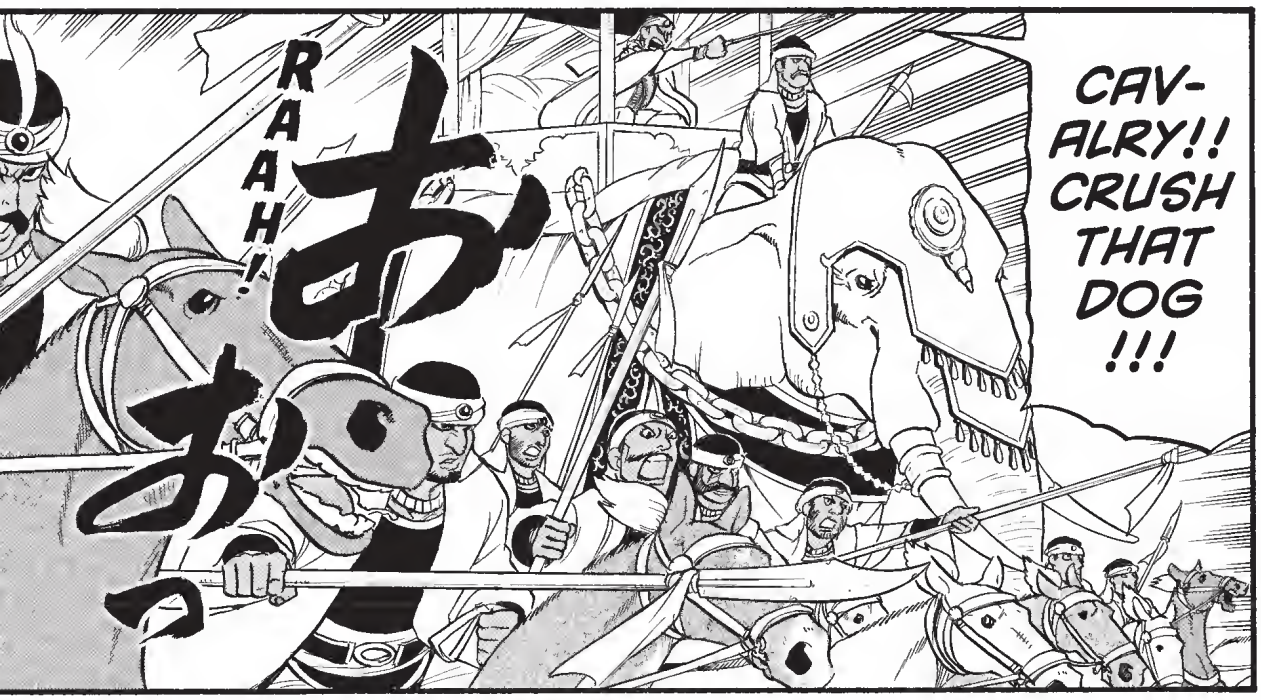
WHY ELSE WOULD YOU USE NEED SO MANY ELEPHANTS?!
OH, I SEE HOW IT IS! DEEP DOWN IN YOUR HEART, YOU THINK THAT YOU COULD ONLY BEST ME BY BORROW-ING OUR FATHER'S POWER, EVEN THOUGH I AM SOMEONE "LOWER" THAN YOU, DON'T YOU?!


LOOK! I HAVE NOT A SINGLE ELEPHANT ON MY SIDE!!
IF YOU SAY YOU ARE NOT AFRAID OF ME, THEN PROVE IT. FIGHT ME WITH ONLY YOUR CAVALRY AND INFANTRY!!
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
ARE YOU TOO SCARED TO GO TO BATTLE WITHOUT THE BRUTE STRENGTH OF GIANT THINGS BEHIND YOU, GADHEVI?!
OOH, WHAT'S WRONG ?!


CAV-ALRY!! CRUSH THAT DOG !!!
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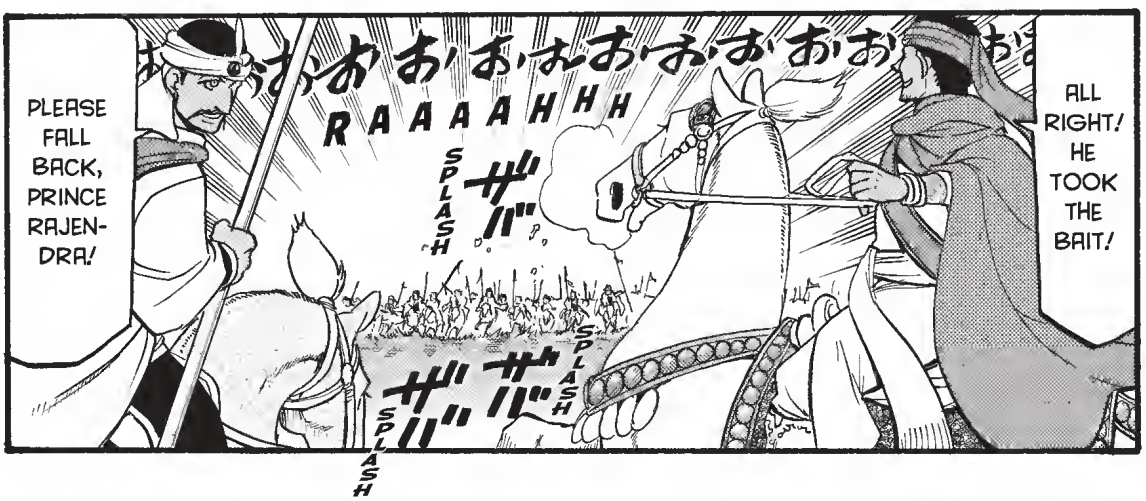
ALL RIGHT! HE TOOK THE BAIT!
PLEASE FALL BACK, PRINCE RAJEN-DRA!
RAAAAHHH
SPLASH
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I'LL SHOW YOU THAT EVEN THE CHILD OF A SLAVE CAN BECOME KING!
MY MEN!
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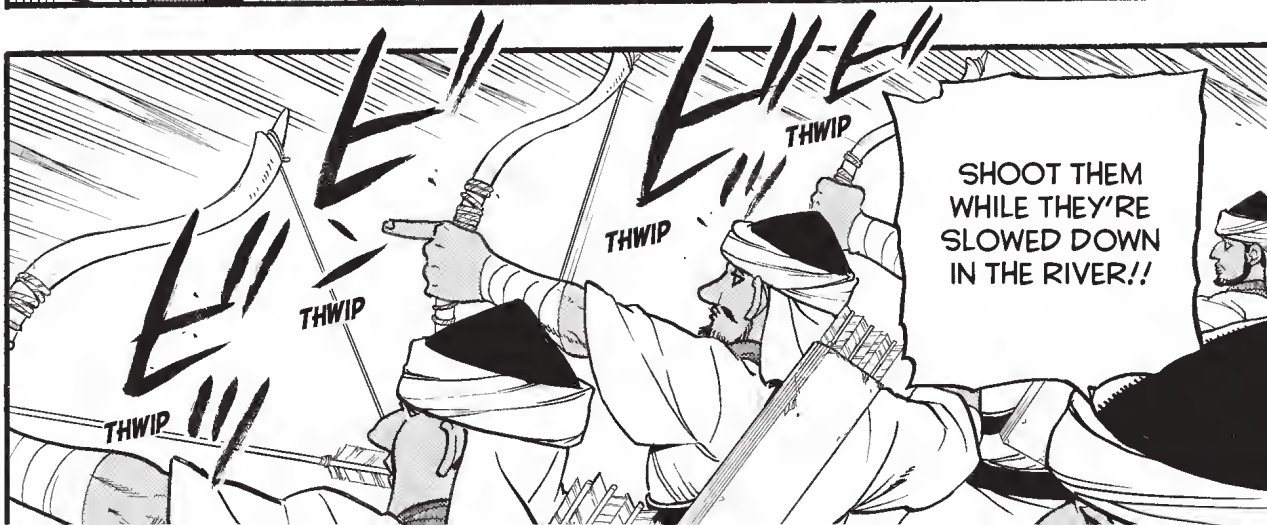
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THWIP
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SHOOT THEM WHILE THEY'RE SLOWED DOWN IN THE RIVER!!

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WHINNYYY
WE ARE STRONGER THAN THAT DAMN GADHEVI AS LONG AS THERE ARE NO ELEPHANTS !!
SQUASH THEM ON THE RIVER-BANK!!
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MRN ...
GRAH! YOU CAVALRY-MEN ARE USELESS !!
SEND IN THE ELE-PHANTS !!!
ヒヒーン WHINNY
... HERE THEY COME ...
BOOOM
BOOOM
BOOOM
BOOOM

SPLOSH
SPLAAAA
SSSH

THEIR WAR ELEPHANTS ARE ON THE MOVE!
TSK. THAT WAS FAST!
THAT DAMN COWARD!
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BWOOSH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
ARCHERS, FORWARD !!!
SHOWER THEIR ELEPHANTS WITH ARROWS !!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLINK

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BAROO
SNAP
SNAP
KRAK
KRAK
SNAP
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KRAK

GLORGH
SNAP
KRAK
KRAK
THRUNK
BAM
BAM
RRRUMBL

NEEIIIGH
KRUNCH
KRAK
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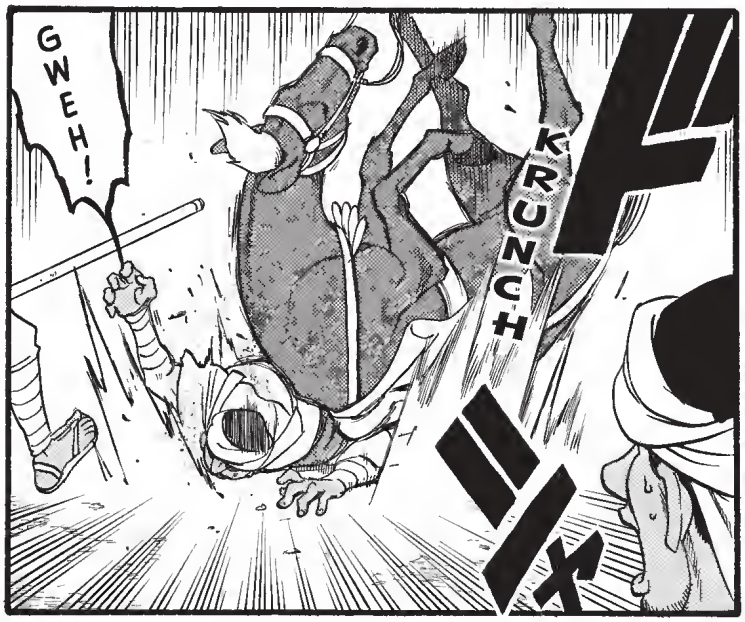
GWEH!
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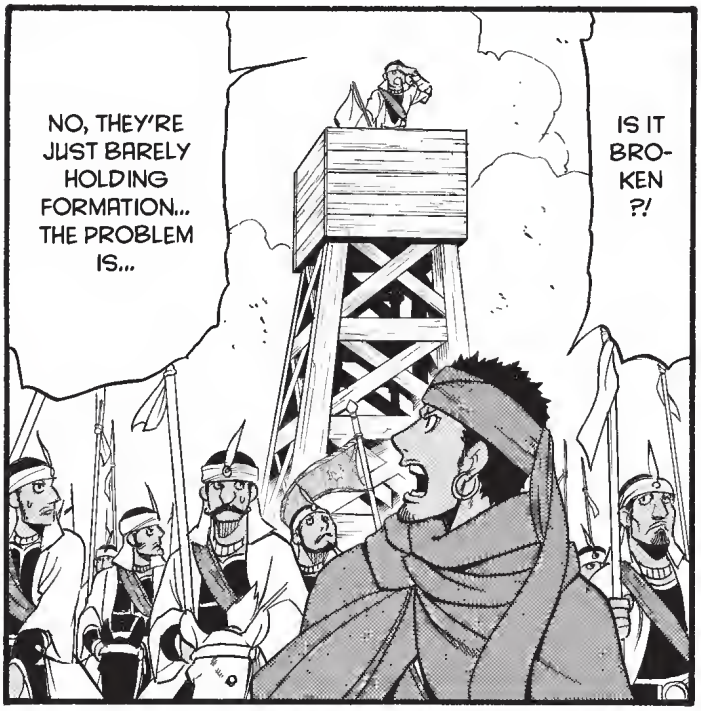
OUR FRONT LINE IS BEGINNING TO FALL BACK!

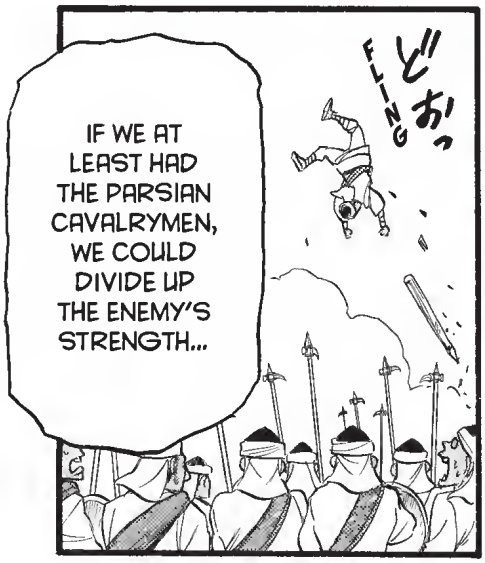

IS IT BROKEN ?!
NO, THEY'RE JUST BARELY HOLDING FORMATION... THE PROBLEM IS...

PAROO
FLINCH
FLINCH

IF I HAD WAR ELEPHANTS, TOO...

...THE WAR ELEPHANTS ARE MARCHING STRAIGHT FOR US!!

UNLESS THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNS SOON, WE'LL BE SLAUGHTERED, YOUR HIGHNESS, PRINCE RAJENDRA!
I KNOW!!


IF WE AT LEAST HAD THE PARSIAN CAVALRYMEN, WE COULD DIVIDE UP THE ENEMY'S STRENGTH...
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...HMPH.
HERE I AM BANKING ON A BOY WHO IS FAR AWAY FROM HERE, AND WHINING...
HAVE I LOST MY EDGE, TOO...?
...
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
PRINCE RAJEN-DRAAA !!
NOW WHAT ?!
WH...
AH...
IT CAN'T BE...!

...?!

AND THEY NUMBER 10,000 MEN!!
ANOTHER FORCE IS FLANKING GADHEVI'S ARMY!!

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WHAT ?!

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GADHEVI SENT 20,000 MEN TO PIN THE PARSIAN ARMY DOWN AT GUJARAT!
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO COME ALL THIS WAY?!
MY FRIEND AND ALLY !!!
PRINCE ARSLAN !!
WE CAME IN A BIT OF A RUSH!